

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 2 (after the title), insert the following heading:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, as follows:

Placement devices of ~~present~~existing cooling devices are made of plastics, glass and/or metal. Placement devices especially of transparent plastics have the disadvantage that they are sensitive to scratching. Their shelf areas can thus become matt after usage for a fairly long time. In addition, placement devices made of plastic tend to bend under high weight loading. Placement devices made of glass are very sensitive to impact. They therefore need to be reinforced at least at the edges, for example, using a plastic. Metal-grid placement devices have the disadvantage that items can fall through the holes in the grid. In addition, items such as cups can easily tip ~~on these~~.

Page 1, line 17, insert the following heading:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 18, as follows:

~~It was~~is thus the ~~an~~an object of the present invention to provide a cooling device of ~~said type~~ which overcomes these disadvantages of the prior art.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 21, which starts with "The object is solved".

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 24, as follows:

~~According to this~~In one embodiment, a cooling device comprising at least one placement device for items to be placed, such as food, is provided. The placement device comprises a shelf area of a ceramic material.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 27, as follows:

The advantage of this is that the ceramic material has a high scratching resistance. The ceramic shelf area thus remains respectable even when used for a fairly long time. In addition, ceramic material has a high strength. The placement device thus does not bend under high loads. In addition, ceramic material is not sensitive to impact. Thus, it is not necessary to reinforce the edges of the shelf area with other materials, as is usually the case with placement devices made of glass for example.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 13, as follows:

In order to ensure an appealing appearance, the placement device can contain pigments, preferably in the glaze. It is ~~hereby~~thereby possible to configure the placement devices in different colours or colour combinations.

Page 2, line 27, insert the following heading:

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 3, before line 1, insert the following heading:

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1, as follows:

Figure 1 shows a cooling device 1, here in an embodiment as a refrigerator 1, comprising a body 2 and a door 3. The cooling device 1 comprises an inner chamber 4. Food or other items to be cooled can be stored therein generally at temperatures of about 0oC to about 10oC. The cooling device comprises placement devices such as support plates 6, pull-out drawers 7 and door compartments 9 for placing the items. The door compartments 9 are affixed to the door 3 and specifically to the door inner wall 8. The body 2 of the cooling device 1 comprises two side walls 10 facing the inner chamber 4, which are

provided with guide rails 445 for the support plates 6 and a bottom surface 12 on which the pull-out drawers 7 rest.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 17, as follows:  
Figure 2 shows a perspective view of one of the pull-out ~~draws~~drawers 7 from Fig. 1. The pull-out drawer 7 has a bottom 15 which forms a shelf area 14' for items for be placed, and side walls 16. The weight of the items inserted in the pull-out drawers 7 which are not shown here acts on the shelf area 14'. The pull-out drawer 7 is fabricated in one piece from a ceramic material with a glaze covering the surface of the pull-out drawer 7. ~~However, it~~ It is also possible to ~~merely fabricate~~ fabricate the bottom 15 of a ceramic material especially over its total thickness and to form the side walls 16 for example of a transparent plastic.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 26, as follows:  
The door compartments 9 shown in Fig. 1 like the pull-out ~~draws~~drawers 7 from Fig. 2 comprise a bottom 17 which forms a shelf area 14" and side walls 16. The door compartments 9 are fabricated in one piece from a ceramic material with a glaze. In the case of the door compartments 9 ~~however, only~~ it is preferable that the bottoms 17 can consist of a ceramic material and the side walls 16 can be made of a different material.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 32, as follows:  
The glazes with which the support plates 6, the pull-out drawers 7 and the door compartments 9 are each provided can be provided with different pigments. For example, the glaze of the support plates can be mixed with pigments in an earth shade and that of the pull-out drawers ~~97~~ can be mixed with white pigments. Thus, the placement devices can be configured as differently coloured.